

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON  
PENDLETON DIVISION

**CHRISTOPHER WARREN MACK,**

Petitioner,

v.

**BRIGITTE L. AMSBERRY,** Superintendent,  
Two Rivers Correctional Institution,

Respondent.

No. 2:16-cv-02135-JE

OPINION AND ORDER

**MOSMAN, J.,**

On October 2, 2018, Magistrate Judge John Jelderks issued his Findings and Recommendation (F&R) [70], recommending that Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus [2] should be DENIED. Judge Jelderks further recommended that the Court should enter a judgment dismissing this case with prejudice and that the court should decline to issue a Certificate of Appealability. Petitioner filed Objections [72]. Respondent did not reply to Petitioner's objections.

**DISCUSSION**

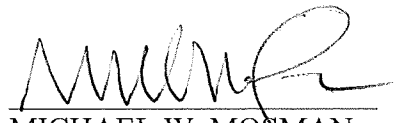
The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge,

but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a de novo determination regarding those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, de novo or under any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Jelderks's recommendation and I ADOPT the F&R [70] as my own opinion. Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus [2] is DENIED. I agree with Judge Jelderks that petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), and thus I DECLINE to issue a Certificate of Appealability.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

  
MICHAEL W. MOSMAN  
Chief United States District Judge